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# Identical letters dated 21 November 2016 from the Permanent Representative of Israel to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

I am writing to draw your attention to important new information regarding the continued efforts of Hezbollah, the internationally recognized terror organization, to acquire arms and related materiel, with the assistance of Iran, in clear violation of numerous Security Council resolutions.

The Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps Quds Force, Iran's primary arm for executing its policy of support for terrorist activities in the Middle East and around the world, is using commercial flights from Iran to Lebanon in order to transfer arms and related materiel to Hezbollah. Iran is using airlines such as Mahan Air, which was designated by members of the international community as providing financial, material and technological support to the Quds Force, in order to supply Hezbollah with the capacity to enhance its missile arsenal.

The arms and related materiel are packed in suitcases by the Quds Force in Iran and transferred directly to Hezbollah operatives by one of two methods:

- Direct air shipment from Iran, using commercial flights, to Rafik Hariri Airport in Beirut.
- Air shipment from Iran, using commercial flights, to Damascus and then transfers, by land, of the arms and related equipment to Lebanon.

It is clear that Iran is still the primary supplier of arms and related materiel to Hezbollah, in blatant violation of numerous Security Council resolutions, particularly resolutions 1559 (2004), 1701 (2006) and 2231 (2015).

These actions follow recent threats against Israel made by the leadership of Hezbollah and Iran, which were also detailed in recent reports of the Secretary-General on Security Council resolutions 1701 (2006) and 1559 (2004). The credibility of these threats must be seen in the context of Hezbollah's massive military build-up in Lebanon, which it has been carrying out undisturbed for years. Hezbollah has amassed more than 120,000 rockets and missiles, many of which have the range to target any city in Israel, and has stationed them amid the civilian population in southern Lebanon.



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The time has come for the Security Council to respond firmly against Hezbollah's ongoing military build-up and Iran's destabilizing behaviour. Hezbollah must be disarmed.

The Security Council must condemn Iran and Hezbollah for the violation of its resolutions, for its arming of terrorists throughout the Middle East and for acting to destabilize the region.

The Security Council must also demand that the Government of Lebanon abide by its obligations and fully implement Security Council resolution 1701 (2006) by preventing the illegal transfer of arms and related materiel to Hezbollah.

I would be grateful if you could have the present letter distributed as a document of the Security Council.

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